

**REMARKS**

Claims 38-47 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-19, 21-28, and 48 are pending in the present application. The Office Action of 27 July 2006 indicates that the pending claims (*i.e.*, 1-5, 7-19, 21-28, and 48) are allowed. Accordingly, only the allowed claims are currently pending in the present application.

Claims 38-47 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,637,699 to Banks *et al.* ("Banks") in view of U.S. Patent 4,272,040 to Bastian *et al.* ("Bastian"). Claims 38-47, however, have been canceled. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

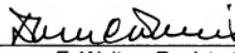
**CONCLUSION**

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (817) 578-8616 with any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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